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1. PRESUME DEPT IS PROCEEDING CAUTIOUSLY IN RESPONSE
TO SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR INCREASE IN GRADUATE
STUDENT EXCHANGES. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER PRESENT
CHANNELS COULD PROVIDE FIVE MORE WELL QUALIFIED
AMERICAN CANDIDATES OR WHETHER AMERICAN SCHOLARLY
COMMUNITY WOULD BE BEST SERVED BY SHIFTING FURTHER
FUNDS TO THIS CATEGORY AFTER TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT
INCREASE IN 1974. SOVIETS HAVE SHUNTED MOST OF
POST-1974 INCREASE IN AMERICAN STAZHERY TO LENINGRAD
FAR FROM RESEARCH RESOURCES THEY REQUESTED. (SEE REF B.)

2. SOVIET STAZHERY UNDOUBTEDLY WOULD BE IN HARD SCIENCES
AND WE BELIEVE US INTERESTS LIE IN EMPHASIZING OTHER
DIRECTIONS TO EXTENT POSSIBLE. (SEE DECEMBER 16 CABLE
ON RESULTS OF EDUCATION SEMINAR.)

3. SINCE BUDGET NOT YET DETERMINED FOR THIS YEAR AND
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SEVERAL PRIORITY PROJECTS MAY NOT BE FUNDED UNLESS

SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE AVAILABLE NEXT YEAR, CHANCES THAT
TEN PERCENT INCREASE IN TRADITIONAL GSYF EXCHANGE CAN BE
FINANCED APPEAR SLIM. SOME OFFER OF FLEXIBILITY MIGHT
BE HELD OPEN HOWEVER AS BARGAINING INCENTIVE FOR INCREASES
IN OTHER CATEGORIES IN WHICH US IS INTERESTED.
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